

As a public regulatory agency. I would expect the FCC to enforce regulations in the public interest. But more and more it would appear that the FCC is more interested in protecting corporate interests. Witness the protection of the RBOC's in the prevention of the long distance carriers ability to compete in the local market (as mandated by the telcom act of 1996). And now, the tacit approval of Sinclair Broadcasting forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.